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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/694,623	Applicant(s) ROUNDY ET AL.	
	Examiner Melur Ramakrishnaiah	Art Unit 2614	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Objections

1. Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informalities: Dependent claim 6 depends on itself (i.e on claim 6 itself). Appropriate correction is required.
2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
4. Claims 1-2, 3-4 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakamura et al. (US PAT: 5,539,811, hereinafter Nakamura).

Regarding claim 1, Nakamura discloses a method for processing incoming calls according to H.221 protocol (col. 4 lines 7-11) comprising: assigning a terminal address to an endpoint using terminal indicate assignment message in a first channel (reads on interchange of telephone numbers required to set up plural isdn channels between audio and video terminals: col. 5 lines 39-54), sending from the endpoint the address in a second channel (col. 6 lines 20-53).

Regarding claim 3, Nakamura discloses a processor based videoconferencing station (fig. 1) comprising a medium for storing instructions for causing the processor to: assign a terminal address to an endpoint using terminal indicate assignment message in a first channel (reads on interchange of telephone numbers required to set up plural isdn channels between audio and video terminals: col. 5 lines 39-54), receive from the endpoint the address in a second channel (col. 6 lines 20-53).

Regarding claim 5, Nakamura discloses a processor based videoconferencing station comprising: a receiver (17, fig. 1) for receiving incoming calls according to the H.221 protocol (col. 4 lines 7-11), a terminal address assignor (reads on 13, fig. 1), a transmitter for sending terminal indicate assignment message to an endpoint in a first channel, the terminal address provided by terminal address assignor (reads on interchange of telephone numbers required to set up plural isdn channels between audio and video terminals: col. 5 lines 39-54), an analyzer (reads on 15, fig. 1) to determine if the provided terminal address is sent from the end point (col. 6 lines 20-53).

Regarding claims 2, 4, 6, Nakamura further teaches the following: sending the address is accomplished through the use of a terminal address channel X message (reads on sending BAS code: col. 5 lines 55-60), analyzer (reads on 15, fig. 1) interprets a terminal indicate additional channel X message from the end point (col. 6 lines 20-53).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

--(4,979,170) to Gilhousen et al. discloses alternating sequential half duplex communication system which discloses central communication station employing a terminal assignment device which determines which terminals in the system a message is directed to and, accordingly assigns a terminal address to the message (col. 3, line 57 - col. 4, line 11).

--(US 2002/0064149) to Elliot et al. discloses a system and method for providing a requested quality of service in a hybrid network which discloses ITU H.221 frame structure (paragraph: 0420) and H.243 system for establishing communication between three or more audiovisual terminals (paragraph: 0426).

--(5,936,662) to Kim et al. discloses video conference control system and using an integrated digital network.

--(5,757,781) to Gilman et al. discloses dynamic insertion and removal of multimedia call handling resources into/from video calls to provide calling features.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melur Ramakrishnaiah whose telephone number is (571)272-8098. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 Hr schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curt Kuntz can be reached on (571) 272-7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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